STATE Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

TITLE XIX - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AGREEMENT

The following is an agreement between the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Medicaid Agency of the Department of Public Health and Environmental Services of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Medicaid Agency agrees to refer all potentially eligible persons to the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. In the event that it is necessary to select priorities for vocational rehabilitation services, special emphasis will be place on applicants and recipients who have been recipients less than one year.

In the event it is not possible to serve all eligible persons the following priorities will be considered:

- a) Individuals who have the potential for a substantial work period after vocational rehabilitation.
- b) New applicants who have been receiving public assistance for one year or less.
- c) Individuals with recent work experience prior to disability.
- d) Severely disabled individuals.
- e) Individuals who manifest interest in employment.
- f) Disabled, unemployed youth.

The Medicaid Agency will refer all potential Vocational Rehabilitation clients directly to the Vocational Rehabilitation Division. The Medicaid Agency will provide funding for all medical treatment under the provisions of the Northern Marianas Title XIX Plan.

Both the Medicaid Agency and the Vocational Rehabilitation Division will take steps to:

- 1) Develop a team approach to case planning for their clients.
- 2) Exchange reports of services furnished to recipients; and
- 3) Conduct periodic review and joint evaluation of policies affecting the cooperative agreement.

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Chief, Vocational Rehabilitation

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